

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/851,415

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's amendment dated 12/7/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-38, 40 and 41.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's Amendment After Final dated December 7, 2005 in response to USPTO Final Office Action dated September 7, 2005.

The cancellation of claim 39 is sufficient to place the application in a condition for allowance as indicated hereinbelow.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-38 and 40-41 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Relative to claims 1, 3, 21, 23 and 40, the major difference between the teachings of the prior art of record (Harkin; Katagiri et al. and Ishii) and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** a built in image sensor, or an image sensor constructed of photo diodes comprising a first thin film transistor having a first source region, a first drain region and a first gate electrode; a sensor gate signal line connected to the first gate electrode; a sensor output wiring connected to one of the first source and drain regions; a second thin film transistor having a second source region, a second drain region and a second gate electrode; a reset gate signal line connected to the second gate electrode; and a sensor power source line connected to the second drain region; a storage device; a module for judging whether the user can be identified or not by comparing individual information read by said image sensor with individual information stored in said storage device and a module for transmitting a result of the

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authentication via the Internet; or a means for collating individual information read by said image sensor with user's individual information stored in a flash memory.

Regarding claims 26 and 36, the major difference between the teachings of the prior art of record (Harkin; Katagiri et al. and Ishii) and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** a user identity authentication method using a mobile information communication device provided with a liquid crystal display device having first and second front lights and comprising a built-in image sensor, said method comprising: a step of reading individual information of a use with said image sensor when the first front light is lit up; a step of displaying an image when the second front light is lit up; and a step of authenticating a user's identity based on said individual information or a step of transmitting said individual information via the Internet; wherein the first and second front lights are not lit up simultaneously.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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| U. S. Patent No. | 6,456,279 | Kubo et al. |
| U. S. Patent No. | 6,476,374 | Kozlowski et al. |
| U. S. Patent No. | 6,070,796 | Sibu |


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To Respond

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent E. Kovalick whose telephone number is 571-272-7669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on 571-272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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